



SPRING 2015 APRIL · MAY · JUNE

Celebrating National Pollinator Month



Pollinators are the unsung heroes of planet Earth. Without their work, our gardens, farms, and natural ecosystems could not exist. Recent declines in national pollinator populations have alarmed scientists and backyard naturalists alike. In honor of Pollinator month Wehr will celebrate the fascinating world of bees, birds, butterflies, bats and beetles (and more!). Join us during June at one of these public events and learn what you can do to help these vital creatures.

**Friday,
June 12
8-10 pm**

Meet real live bats! Discover the fiction, folklore, and facts on bats. Learn how you can participate in Citizen Science projects to help our diminishing bat neighbors. Although Wisconsin bats eat insects, many bats around the world are essential pollinators. Learn about these often misunderstood creatures of the night and their immense impact on our diet and our landscape.

*Registration required by Thursday, June 11
\$10 per person, \$7 Milwaukee Co. Residents,
\$5 Friends of Wehr Members*

POLLINATOR DAY

**Saturday, June 27
1-4 pm**

Join us as we celebrate the hard work of the pollinators that are so vital to our ecosystems and agriculture. This



event will feature bee keeping demos, honey tasting, live monarch butterflies, pollinator hikes, and much more. Make a pollinator plant seed ball or a native bee house, and learn how you can be a friend to pollinators. Come watch these insects in action and discover why Wehr is a pollinator paradise.

\$3 per person; \$2 Friends of Wehr Members; Children 2 and under are



What's Coming Up...

Family Frog Frolic
April 24

Reptile Day
June 7

Native Plant Sale
May 9 & 10

In Celebration of Earth Day
April 26

Summer Solstice Social
June 20

For more details click on the event logo



Butterfly Count

28th Annual Butterfly Count

Sunday, June 28, 9-11:30 am

Butterfly enthusiasts ages 10 and older are invited to participate in our 28th annual count. We will start with a review of common local butterflies and then spend the morning inventorying along Wehr's trails. Continue with us for an optional session from 12:30-3:30 pm to count at Grant, Warnimont and Sheridan parks. Results are published through the North American Butterfly Association (<http://naba.org>) as part of their National July 4th Count. *\$5 per person*



Center News

A Gift Of Stewardship

A most amazing package arrived at the Wehr Nature Center recently. Inside the box was a heartfelt letter and four seasonal photo books sharing the story of one person's connection to Wehr's natural areas and how these places helped to bring her peace and healing. As I read through each book, I was reminded of the importance of natural areas and our responsibility to be their stewards.

Wehr's 220-acres of natural areas and trails provide the perfect opportunity for anyone to experience nature. Visitors build connections to nature here, and they want to safeguard these special places in their lives. This passion for place causes people to engage in land stewardship. Stewardship is the act of protecting and preserving land and it comes in many forms. It can be from professionals who possess the skills and knowledge to understand the complexities of caring for our diverse ecosystems, but it also takes volunteers who physically maintain the trails, burn the prairies and savannas, clear the invasive species, and much more.

Stewardship also takes the form of interpretation and education. Wehr is fortunate to have professional and volunteer interpreters and educators to fill this role, but there are other ways people help to share nature's stories, sometimes without even knowing it. Photographers share their images with all of us via social media, birders record their sightings on our monthly bird chart, volunteers record seasonal blooming of native plants, and visitors come into the center and tell us what they have seen.

Sometimes stewardship means speaking out when natural areas are threatened. That could be asking a dog owner to keep their dog on a leash and off our trails, telling your County Supervisor how much you value your special places, or letting others know what is special about natural areas.

I want to encourage everyone who cares about the natural areas at Wehr to engage in the gift of stewardship: volunteer to care for the land; join Friends of Wehr; share your photos, poems, and stories; become a phenologist; be our eyes and ears and let us know when something is not right. Be passionate for this place and share your passion with others. Your gift of stewardship will help ensure we can pass on these treasures to future generations.

Deb McRae, Director



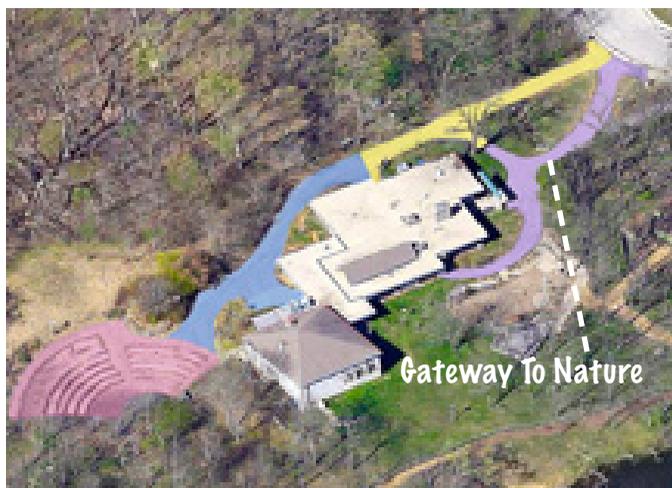
Walkways of Wehr Campaign Off To A Strong Start

Have you noticed something new underfoot at Wehr?

The Friends of Wehr permeable paver fundraiser has been underway for only a few months but has already received over \$5000 in funds towards creating a more accessible and environmentally friendly walk surface around our building. The first section of permeable pavers was installed by our front door in December 2014 thanks to a donation from Breckenridge Landscape. The new surface of interlocking bricks out-performed the traditional asphalt this winter by allowing melting snow to drain away quickly, preventing icing. We hope to have the funds to complete this "Gateway to Nature" section of the Walkway's project in spring/summer of 2015.

How You Can Help

Join us by donating a Commemorative Brick to be used in the Walkways of Wehr. With a donation of \$60 or more, a special brick will be engraved with the name or message of your choice. Do you know a business, church, club or other organization that might support this worthy project? If so, please help us reach out to the community by sharing information. Pick up a brochure at the display by our reception desk or go to <http://www.friendsof-wehr.org/brick-campaign/>.





Friends Of Wehr

Thank You!

Your contributions to the Friends of Wehr are appreciated and always used with careful consideration.

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Wild Birds Unlimited for their
continuing support in keeping our feeders full and our
birds happy. Please support their business
located at 4454 S. 108th St. Greenfield.

Mother's Day Weekend Native Plant Sale

Sat. & Sun., May 9 & 10, 9 am - 3:30 pm

Beautify your yard with native plants from Wehr's annual sale, suitable for sun or shade and wet or dry. This is a very popular sale so come early for the best selections. Use the Early Order Form in this newsletter or download it at: <http://www.friendsofwehr.org/spring-events/mothers-day-native-plant-sale/>. Return the pre-order form to Wehr with your selections by April 23. This will help assure (but not guarantee) your selections ahead of time.



Summer Solstice Social

Help us celebrate the longest day of the year. Join us at sunset for the lighting of the traditional summer solstice bonfire.

Enjoy small plate dining and desserts and browse the silent auction that supports Wehr's accessibility project.

Saturday, June 20, 7-9 pm

\$20 per person

\$5 gets you an extra wine or beer

Reservations guarantee a seat. Walk-ins welcome as space allows.

WEHR WORDS - Editor: Bev Bryant
Contributors: Deb McRae, Mary Guab,
Pat Fojut, Emily Brown



Nature Volunteer News

Upcoming Opportunities for Current Volunteers

Dotty's Crafters: Wednesdays, April 1, May 6, June 3; 1-3 pm

In Celebration of Earth Day: Sunday, April 26; 12:30-4:30 pm

Native Plant Sale: Saturday & Sunday, May 9 & 10; 9am-12:30 pm or 12:30-4:30 pm

Earth Care Crew: (Plant related tasks- on the job training provided)
Thursdays, May 14; June 4, 11, 18 & 26; 9-11 am

Reptile Day: Sunday, June 7; 12:30-4:30 pm

Pollinator Day: Saturday, June 27, 12:30-4:30 pm

Teaching Naturalist Trainings:

Spring Puppet Show and Possum's Adventures:
Wednesday, April 1, 9 am-noon

Nature's Neighborhoods: **Thursday, April 2, 9 am-noon**

Summer Puppet Show: **Monday, May 4, 1-4 pm**

Watershed Program: **Monday, May 18, 1-4 pm**

NIP Library Program: **Tuesday, June 9, 1-3 pm**

Changes Are Happening

Things are never, ever stagnant here at Wehr Nature Center. It is true in the natural world as well as the human. And that's the way we like it! Which means it is true of the volunteer world. As we all move further and further into the technological realm, we feel it is time to move our volunteer system there too.

The Friends of Wehr approved the purchase of a new volunteer data management program, Volgistics. This software will allow us to improve our ongoing communication with volunteers via e-mails and e-newsletters. Volunteers will be able to maintain their own volunteer records online including contact information, hours, and interests. This system will help us track temporary groups of volunteers (e.g. corporate groups, service learners) within the same data base. This will allow us to better communicate the volunteer value to our larger community and leverage volunteers and their skills to achieve our mission.

Throughout 2015, we will be transitioning to this new system. By May we will begin training existing volunteers on how to enter their hours either from their home computer or at a dedicated volunteer computer located in the volunteer room. Watch for details on times and dates for these trainings. An online application system for new volunteers will also be in place.

So why go to all to this trouble? By growing our volunteer base here at Wehr, we will be better able to move the mission of the Nature Center forward into the next decade. It will allow us to become a leader within the Milwaukee County Parks in the area of volunteer management and it will free up our volunteer management team to recruit and train more volunteers for the Center.

As with any new change, there is excitement and challenge. We ask that you please be patient as we move through the process. It will be worth it.

We guarantee it!

Mary Gaub, Volunteer Coordinator



Ongoing Opportunities

Phenology, Wheel n' Chip, Critter Care, Teach School Groups, Trail Patrol
To sign up to help call 414-425-8550.

New volunteers are always welcome!

Contact Mary Gaub today at
mary.gaub@ces.uwex.edu

and make an appointment.



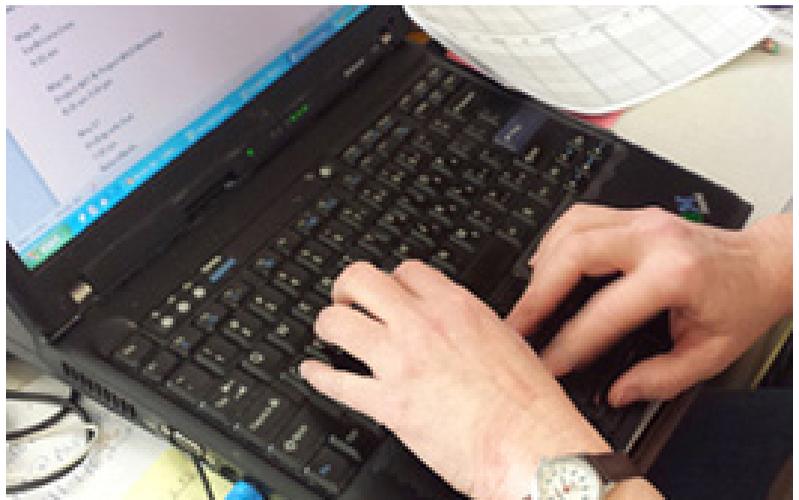
**KEEP AMERICA
BEAUTIFUL**
**GREAT AMERICAN
CLEANUP**

**Saturday April 18th
9am-Noon**

Join the nation-wide efforts to "Keep America Beautiful" by helping to cleanup litter in Whitnall Park.

Volunteers check in at Wehr Nature Center.

No registration required. Bags are provided; please bring your own gloves.



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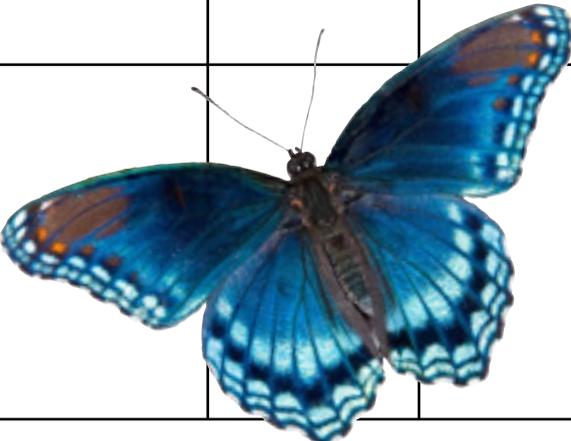
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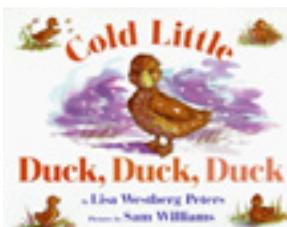


Nature Discovery For Children

Little Wonders

A program for 2 and 3 year olds to share with their favorite adult

Times: 9:30-10:30 am for Two Year Olds 11 am- Noon for Three Year Olds



Spring is Ducky Monday, April 13

Tots will quack and waddle as we learn all about our web-footed friends. We will read *Cold Little Duck, Duck, Duck* by Lisa Westberg Peters, make a duck costume, and enjoy a snack fit for a duck.

Seeds & Sprouts Monday, May 4

Bring your little sprout to this class celebrating seeds and flowers.

Tots will hear the Lois Ehlert story *Planting a Rainbow* and make their own magic seed necklace. We will pot a flower to take home, walk to see spring wildflowers, and enjoy a "seedy" snack.

Animal Babies Monday, June 1

Celebrate the spring birth of baby animals with a birthday party! We'll read *If You Were Born a Kitten* by Marion Bauer and toddlers will don party hats and sing Happy Birthday to the baby animals. We will enjoy cupcakes and a walk to look for spring babies.

NatureNauts

A series of fun-filled programs for children 4-6 years old and their favorite adult

Times: 1-2 pm for Sunday Classes 9:30-10:30 am for Monday Classes



Super Salamanders Sunday, April 19 or Monday, April 20

Come and discover the secrets of the shy, but super, salamanders that live in our midst. We will read *The Salamander Room* by Ann Mazer and get to know some live salamanders.

Little Sprouts Sunday, May 17 or Monday, May 18

Bring your little sprout to this class that celebrates seeds, flowers and SPRING! We will read *Jack's Garden* by Henry Cole and then head outside to enjoy spring wildflowers. Children will

pot and plant some flowers to take home and help create a herb garden in Wehr's Nature Playspace.

Hail the Snail and Hug A Slug Sunday, June 14 or Monday, June 15

NatureNauts will slide into the slippery world of these misunderstood critters. We will search for these slugs and snails in the forest, meet them up close and personal, and make a craft snail to take home. No "yucks" allowed!



Pre-registration is required for all children's programs Deadline is the Friday before the program date

Fees: \$10 per child \$7 Milwaukee County Residents \$5 Friends of Wehr Members



GPS 'Parkcaching' for Scouts & Youth

Saturday, May 2

Session I: 12 pm Session II: 1 pm Session III: 2 pm

Allow 1½ hours to complete the program

Enjoy an afternoon of high tech treasure hunting with your scout or youth group. Parkcaching is a form of on-trail geocaching developed for use in sensitive natural areas. Your group will explore nature center trails to find treasure and adventure while learning how to use maps and GPS. Naturalists will train your group on the use of maps and the GPS units before sending you out on your self-guided adventure.

Registration Required by Wednesday, April 29

Fee: \$6 per person



Nature Discovery for Adults

Woodcock Walk **Saturday, April 11, 6:30–8:30 pm**

Enjoy one of the best viewing spots for the iconic “sky dance” of the American Woodcock. After a short presentation about these unique shorebirds of the woods, we’ll head out on a sunset stroll to witness one of nature’s most spectacular scenes. To establish territories, male woodcocks make squeaky “peent” calls and then explode up in flight before acrobatically tumbling back down to the ground. This springtime ritual is not to be missed.

Registration required by Friday, April 10

Fees: \$10 per person \$7 Milwaukee County Residents \$5 Friends of Wehr Members



Birding Beyond the Feeder: Bird Identification **Saturday, April 18, 9 am-Noon**

Are you curious about a bird at your feeder or the songs you hear as you walk in the woods? We will start inside learning basic bird identification and binocular use, then head outside to experience the beginning of migration. For eager early-risers, there will be a pre-session hike at 7:30 am.

Registration required by Friday, April 17

Fees: \$15 per person \$12 Milwaukee County Residents \$10 Friends of Wehr Members



Birding With Paul **Sundays, May 3, 10, and 17, 7:30-10 am**

Join expert birding leader Paul Boyer for an informative and enjoyable morning of birding. Bring your binoculars and field guide. *Free; No registration required*

Choose Your Own Adventure: Adult Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, May 2, 6-8 pm

Who said scavenger hunts were just for kids? It’s time to Choose Your Own Adventure and hit the trails with a GPS and a set of clues. Teams answer riddles, collect items and solve a puzzle to earn points for alcoholic beverages and great prizes. So if you are up for some friendly outdoor competition, get a buddy or 4 and join us for a scavenger hunt like no other.

\$20 per person; \$15 for Friends of Wehr Members Reservations guarantee your spot. Walk-ins are welcome as space allows. Price includes activities, gear, and 2 alcoholic beverages. Program is for those 21 & up

Into the Wild with Mark

Weekend explorations to regional natural areas of interest lead by Wehr’s Natural Areas Manager Mark Verhagen.

Lulu Lake **Saturday, June 20, 9 am-4 pm**

Lulu Lake and Rainbow Springs are some of the best moraine areas in Wisconsin. State owned land is about 3000 acres with natural features such as a pristine river system, spring fed lakes and Oak Openings. Combine these with some very nice vistas and you get a great place to hike. Bird life and plants are very diverse here, so make sure you bring binoculars, cameras and field guides. The hiking will involve some moderate hill climbing on trails and old road beds. Transportation is provided or on your own.

Fees: \$25 per person \$10 Friends of Wehr Members Registration is required by the Friday before the program.

Nature Discovery for Educators

Project WILD & Project WET Workshop **Saturday, May 16, 8:30 am-4:15 pm**

Join educators, scout and youth leaders in this workshop featuring over 200 activities focusing on wildlife, habitat, and responsible human actions. *Fee: \$65 Registration required by Wednesday, May 13*

For more information on these two great events, click on the logo.

Hike for Health

Hike along with this group that walks Wehr’s trails together for camaraderie, exercise and fun. Meet in the Visitor Center.

Every Wednesday. Time: 10:30 am

No fee or registration required; regular parking fee in effect



Nature Discovery for Families

**Sunday
April 26
1-4 pm**

Welcome spring, connect with nature, and learn to live more lightly on the Earth!



Friday, April 24 & Saturday April 25 7-9 pm

Hop over to Wehr and celebrate spring with the frogs. We will meet some Wisconsin amphibians up close and then stroll out to the ponds of Wehr to listen for the sweet spring sound of frogs chorusing.

Recommended for Ages 5 and older

Fee: \$10 per person \$7 Milwaukee County Residents

\$5 Friends of Wehr Members

Registration Deadline: Wednesday, April 22

In Celebration of Earth Day

has activities for your whole family.

- Enjoy a guided spring walk
- Create crafts from recycled materials
- Learn to live more sustainably

\$3 per person; \$2 Friends of Wehr Members

Special Features

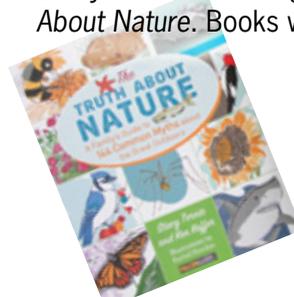
Kohl's Wild Theater 2 pm (included in admission)

Enjoy and learn from Kohl's Wild Theater, made possible through a partnership between Kohl's Cares and the Zoological Society of Milwaukee.



Book Signing 3 pm

Wehr Naturalist Ken Keffer and Birds and Bloom editor Stacy Tornio will be signing their latest book *The Truth About Nature*. Books will be for sale in the Nature Store.



Astronomical Viewing

Evening Observing Saturday, May 9, 8-10 pm

Solar Viewing Sunday, June 21, 11 am-3 pm

Cloudy skies cancel these events.

No registration needed. Free and open to the public.

Sunday, June 7, 1- 4 pm

Discover the world of Reptiles and Amphibians! Meet colorful snakes, wondrous turtles and strange lizards and salamanders. Learn how to live with our misunderstood and scaly wild neighbors. Go on a guided walk to look for turtles and listen for frogs. There will be crafts for the kids and refreshments available for purchase.

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Community Organizations

Wehr is fortunate to host several organizations who share their passion and knowledge about the natural world with the public. For more information about these organizations and details about their programs, please visit their web-sites or call Wehr (414) 425-8550.

Wehr Camera Club is dedicated to sharing a passion for photography and nature. Visit <http://wnccameraclub.com/sch.html> for program information. Public programs are held the 2nd Saturday of the each month, Sept. to June, from 9-11am.

Wisconsin Metro Audubon Society is a chapter of the National Audubon Society that encourages environmental stewardship through education and conservation. Public programs are held the third Wednesday of each month from 7-9 pm, September to May. Visit <http://www.wimetroaudubon.org> for program information.

Wild Ones, Natural Landscapers Inc. supports the preservation, restoration and establishment of native plant communities by promoting the use of native plants in landscaping. Meetings are held at WNC from 1:30-3:30 pm the second Saturday of each month from September to April. Please call 414 299-9888 ext 2 for program information.

Wehr Astronomical Society is a group of amateur astronomers that promote the study of astronomy. Meetings are from 7-9 pm the second Tuesday of each month, September to June. Visit <http://www.wehastro.org> for information.

Adventure Summer Day Camps

Make Memories This Summer at **Adventure Summer Day Camp**
Give your child the gift of nature this summer. Have your child join our professional naturalists for outdoor adventures that spark curiosity, make memories, and lead to amazing discoveries.

Registration Is Open! Go to: www.friendsofwehr.org to sign-up by June 1st to guarantee your spot.

Pioneer Trails

Ages: 10-13
June 23-24, 9 am-4 pm
Travel back to 1800's Wisconsin and discover if you have what it takes to be a pioneer.

Kid Expeditions*

Ages: 7-9
August 4-7, 9 am-4 pm
This isn't a camp, it's an ADVENTURE! Go on daily expeditions to discover the natural world of Whitnall Park.

Nature Detectives*

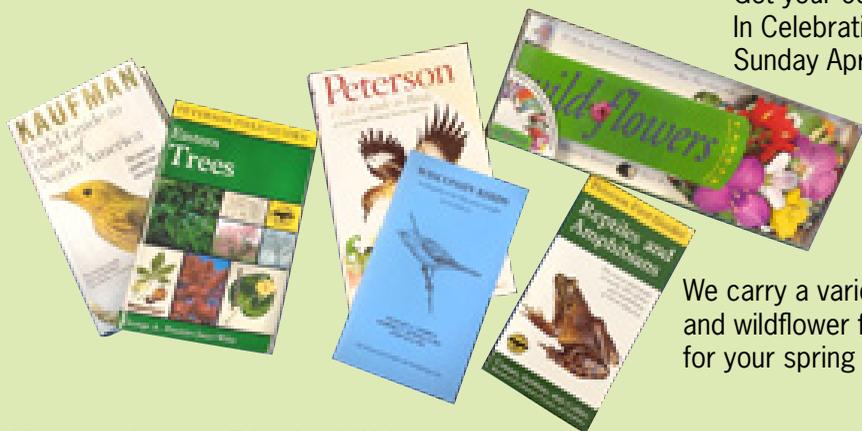
Ages: 6-8
August 11-13, 9 am-4 pm
Become a super sleuth and uncover the mysteries of life around you.



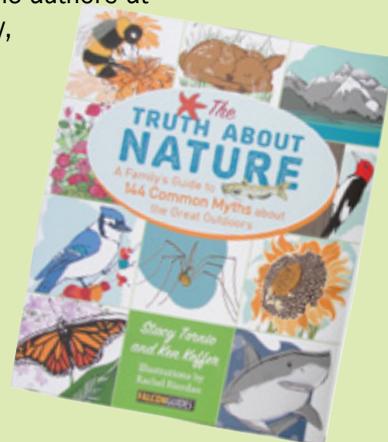
*Before and after care are available for these camps for an additional fee.

New! Learn **The Truth About Nature**

Get your copy signed by the authors at
In Celebration of Earth Day,
Sunday April 26, 3 pm



We carry a variety of bird and wildflower field guides for your spring adventures!



All proceeds go to Friends of Wehr to support the educational programs at Wehr Nature Center. Open 8:30 am-4 pm

Butterflies Of Wehr

Here is preview of some of the butterflies we might see at the 28th Annual Butterfly Count on June 28. Over the last 27 years we have recorded 153 different species! To learn more about Wisconsin butterflies visit <http://wisconsinbutterflies.org>.

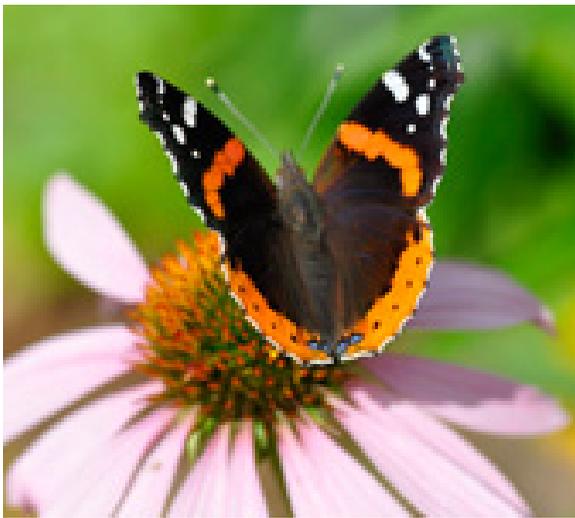


Eastern Tiger Swallowtails

Pterourus glaucus
Size: 3 1/8 - 5 1/2"
Habitat: Open areas near woodlands
Peak Season: late July



Photos by Selva Ramakrishnan



Red Admiral *Vanessa atalanta*

Size: 1 3/4 - 1"
Habitat: Woodland edge, nectaring in nearby fields
Peak Season: late June



Common Buckeye *Junonia coenia*

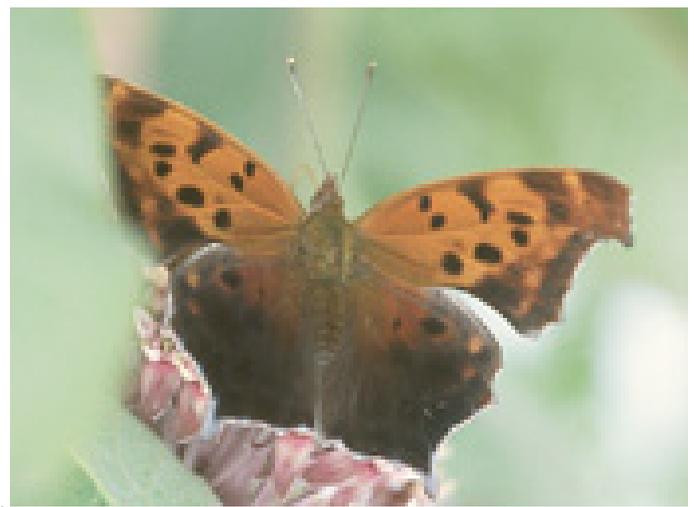
Size: 2 - 2 1/2"
Habitat: Open areas near woodlands
Peak Season: late July



Tawny Emperor *Asterocampa clyton*

Size: 1 7/8 - 2 3/8"
Habitat: Woods or parks where Hackberry trees grow
Peak Season: early July

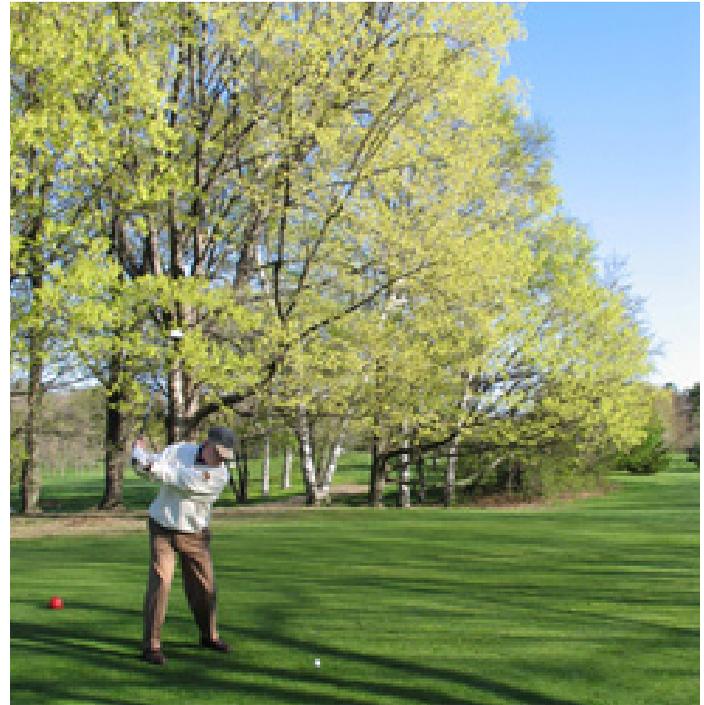
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Question Mark *Polygonia interrogatians*

Size: 2 3/8 - 2 5/8 "
Habitat: Open areas near woodlands
Peak Season: late July

At Wehr Nature Center
 9701 W. College Ave.
 Franklin, WI 53132 In Whitnall Park
 Open Daily 8-4:30
 (Check for holiday hours)
 wehrnaturecenter@milwcnty.com



Learn more about activities and events throughout the Milwaukee County Parks

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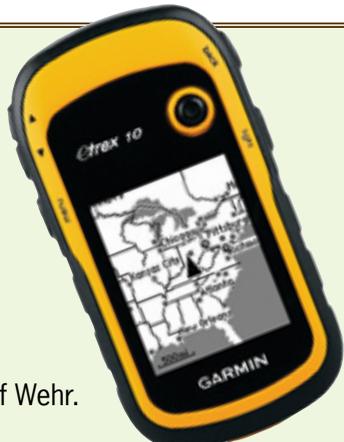
Fireside Fridays for Families: July 10 and 31, 7-9 pm
Moth Night: July 24, 8-10 pm
Moth Night for Families: July 25, 7-9 pm
Bat Night: August 21, 8-10 pm
Bat Night for Families: August 22, 7-9 pm

Wish List

Contributions of any amount will be appreciated for:

- **Etrex, Handheld GPS Units**
- **Bug Boxes & Hand Lens for Children's Programs**
- **Digital SLR Camera**

If you are interested in donating any of these items, or would like to contribute money toward their purchase, please contact Deb at (414) 425-8550. Your contributions are tax-deductible when made to the Friends of Wehr.



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Membership Application: This is an annual membership from January - December
 Mail to: Friends of Wehr 9701 College Ave. Franklin, WI 53132 Make checks payable to Friends of Wehr or renew online at www.friendsofwehr.org

NAME _____	MEMBERSHIP TYPE
ADDRESS _____	Individual Family
CITY-STATE-ZIP _____	Regular \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$35 <input type="checkbox"/>
PHONE (____) _____ EMAIL _____	Senior (65) \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Supporting \$100 <input type="checkbox"/> \$100 <input type="checkbox"/>
	Volunteer (50 hrs) \$20 <input type="checkbox"/> \$30 <input type="checkbox"/>

Payment Method Cash Check# _____ (payable to Friends of Wehr) Additional Donation \$ _____
 Charge (Visa MC Discover AE) # _____ Expires _____ Security Code _____
 Signature _____ Staff Initials _____ Date Received _____





Wehr Native Plant Sale

2015 Pre-order Form

Forms must be returned by Wednesday, April 22, 2015 - Sorry, no exceptions (Attn. Mark)



Name _____

Address _____

City _____ St _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) - _____ - _____

Email _____

Personal information will be used for Plant Sale only

Check to receive pre-order form next year by email

- ___ "plant name" in 4.5in. pots are \$6.00 ea. or 3/\$16.00 or as noted. *Please order by the pot.*
- "plant name" is a tray of 16 individual 2.5in. plugs for \$44. *Please order by the tray*
- All efforts will be made to fill orders, but actual stock may prevent delivery.

SALE DATES
Saturday, May 9 &
Sunday, May 10
9 am-3:30 pm

Wehr Nature Center
 9701 W College Ave
 Franklin, WI 53132
 Ph 414-425-8550

WOODLAND

2.5" 4.5"

- ___ White Baneberry (*Actea pachypoda*)
- ___ Maidenhair Fern (*Adiantum pedatum*)
- ___ Purple hyssop (*Agastache foeniculum*)
- ___ Wild Columbine (*Aquilegia canadensis*)
- ___ Jack-in-the-pulpit (*Arisaema triphyllum*)
- ___ Wild Ginger (*Asarum canadense*)
- ___ Big-leaved aster (*Aster macrophyllus*)
- ___ Lady Fern (*Athyrium filix-femina*)
- ___ Pennsylvania Sedge (*Carex pennsylvanica*)
- ___ Burr Sedge (*Carex grayi*)
- ___ Blue Cohosh (*Caulophyllum thalictroides*)
- ___ **American bittersweet - female (*Celastrus scandens*)
- ___ **American bittersweet - male (*Celastrus scandens*)
- ___ Virgin's Bower (*Clematis virginiana*)
- ___ Rock Harlequin (*Corydalis sempervirens*)
- ___ Tufted hair grass (*Deschampsia cespitosa*)
- ___ Wood Fern (*Dryopteris goldiana*)
- ___ Fancy Wood Fern (*Dryopteris intermedia*)
- ___ Sweet Joe-Pye Weed (*Eupatorium purpureum*)
- ___ Wild Strawberry (*Fragaria virginiana*)
- ___ Wild Geranium (*Geranium maculatum*)
- ___ Pale-leaved woodland sunflower (*Helianthus strumosus*)
- ___ Virginia Waterleaf (*Hydrophyllum virginianum*)
- ___ Bottlebrush Grass (*Hystrix patula*)
- ___ Ostrich Fern (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*)
- ___ Sensitive Fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*)
- ___ Interrupted Fern (*Osmunda claytoniana*)
- ___ Woodland Phlox (*Phlox divaricata amphanii*)

WOODLAND (cont.)

2.5" 4.5"

- ___ Royal Fern (*Osmunda regalis*)
- ___ Mayapple (*Podophyllum peltatum*)
- ___ Jacob's Ladder (*Polemonium reptans*)
- ___ Zigzag Goldenrod (*Solidago flexicaulis*)
- ___ Common Blue Violet (*Viola sororia*)

SPRING EPHEMERAL

- ___ Rue Anemone (*Anemonella thalictroides*)
- ___ Spring Beauty (*Claytonia virginica*)
- ___ Dutchman's Breeches (*Dicentra cucullaria*)
- ___ Trout Lily (*Erythronium americanum*)
- ___ Sharp-lobed Hepatica (*Hepatica acutiloba*)
- ___ Virginia Bluebells (*Mertensia virginica*)
- ___ Bloodroot (*Sanguinaria Canadensis*)
- ___ White Trillium (*Trillium grandiflorum*)
- ___ Yellow Bellwort (*Uvularia grandiflora*)

PRAIRIE

- ___ Nodding Wild Onion (*Allium cernuum*)
- ___ Leadplant (*Amorpha canescens*)
- ___ Big Bluestem (*Andropogon gerardii*)
- ___ Canada Anemone (*Anemone canadensis*)
- ___ Thimbleweed (*Anemone virginiana*)
- ___ Pale Indian-plantain (*Arnoglossum atriplicifolium*)
- ___ Butterfly Weed (*Asclepias tuberosa*)
- ___ Sky Blue Aster (*Aster azureus*)
- ___ Many-flowered Aster (*Aster ericoides*)

PRAIRIE (cont.) 

2.5" 4.5"

- Smooth Aster (*Aster laevis*)
- New England Aster (*Aster novae-angliae*)
- White Baptisia (*Baptisia alba*)
- Creamy Baptisia (*Baptisia bracteata*)
- Side-oats Grama (*Bouteloua curtipendula*)
- Harebell (*Campanula rotundifolia*)
- Pasque Flower (*Anemone patens*)
- Fox Sedge (*Carex vulpinoidea*)
- New Jersey Tea (*Ceanothus americanus*)
- Sand Coreopsis (*Coreopsis lanceolata*)
- Coreopsis (*Coreopsis palmata*)
- Shooting-star (*Dodecatheon meadia*)
- Purple Prairie Clover (*Dalea purpurea*)
- Pale Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea pallida*)
- Purple Coneflower (*Echinacea purpurea*)
- Purple Love Grass (*Eragrostis spectabilis*)
- Rattlesnake Master (*Eryngium yuccifolium*)
- Flowering Spurge (*Euphorbia corollata*)
- Bottle Gentian (*Gentiana andrewsii*)
- Prairie Smoke (*Geum triflorum*)
- Common Sneezeweed (*Helenium autumnale*)
- Naked Stem Sunflower (*Helianthus occidentalis*)
- Oxeye (*Heliopsis helianthoides*)
- Prairie Alumroot (*Heuchera richardsonii*)
- Sweet Grass (*Hierochloa hirta*)
- June Grass (*Koeleria macrantha*)
- Rough Blazing-star (*Liatris aspera*)
- Showy Blazing-star (*Liatris ligulistylis*)
- Prairie Blazing-star (*Liatris pycnostachya*)
- Wild Lupine (*Lupinus perennis*)
- Wild Bergamot (*Monarda fistulosa*)
- Prickly Pear Cactus ** (*Opuntia humifusa*)
- Golden Groundsel (*Packera aurea*)
- Switch Grass (*Panicum virgatum*)
- Wild Quinine (*Parthenium integrifolium*)
- White Beardtongue (*Penstemon digitalis*)
- Downy Phlox (*Phlox pilosa*)
- Smooth Phlox (*Phlox glaberrima interior*)
- Obedient Plant (*Physostegia virginiana*)
- Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum biflorum*)
- Mountain Mint (*Pycnanthemum virginianum*)
- Yellow Coneflower (*Ratibida pinnata*)
- Black-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia hirta*)
- Brown-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia triloba*)
- Swt. Blk-eyed Susan (*Rudbeckia subtomentosa*)
- Little Bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*)
- Compass Plant (*Silphium laciniatum*)
- Cup plant (*Silphium perfoliatum*)
- Prairie Dock (*Silphium terebinthinaceum*)

PRAIRIE (cont.) 

2.5" 4.5"

- Blue-eyed Grass (*Sisyrinchium angustifolium*)
- False Solomon's Seal (*Smilacina racemosa*)
- Ohio Goldenrod (*Solidago ohioensis*)
- Riddell's Goldenrod (*Solidago riddellii*)
- Stiff Goldenrod (*Solidago rigida*)
- Showy Goldenrod (*Solidago speciosa*)
- Spiderwort (*Tradescantia ohioensis*)
- Culver's Root (*Veronicastrum virginicum*)
- Birdfoot Violet (*Viola pedata*)
- Heart-leaf Golden Alexander (*Zizia aptera*)
- Common Golden Alexander (*Zizia aurea*)

WETLAND 

- Sweet-Flag (*Acorus calamus*)
- Marsh Milkweed (*Asclepias incarnata*)
- Purple-stem aster (*Aster puniceus*)
- Marsh Marigold (*Caltha palustris*)
- Turtlehead (*Chelone glabra*)
- Porcupine sedge (*Carex hystericina*)
- Joe-pye Weed (*Eupatorium maculatum*)
- Boneset (*Eupatorium perfoliatum*)
- Giant St. John's Wort (*Hypericum pyramidatum*)
- Blue Flag Iris (*Iris versicolor*)
- Soft Rush (*Juncus effusus*)
- Cardinal Flower (*Lobelia cardinalis*)
- Great Blue Lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*)
- Monkey Flower (*Mimulus ringens*)
- Blue Vervain (*Verbena hastata*)
- Ironweed (*Vernonia fasciculata*)

** Gallon Pot.



Totals	
_____ # of pots @ \$6.00 ea. (We will calculate 3/\$16 discount)	
_____ # of Bitter sweet @ \$9.00 ea.	
_____ # of 2.5" plug trays @\$44 ea.	
Office use only	WWE

Plants can be picked up the day of the sale Sat. May 9 and Sun. May 10 (Mother's Day Weekend) from 9am–3:30 pm. Payment is due at the time of pick-up. Visa, Discover, Amex and Mastercard accepted. Checks payable to Friends of Wehr.